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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 12, 18, 27, 32, and 35 as follows.

1. (Currently amended): A computer implemented method for managing transportation from an origin location, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, from a client computer, an activity indicator including an activity location and an activity start time;

identifying, at a host computer, a first airport, the first airport being within a first threshold measurement of the activity location, wherein the first threshold measurement comprises at least one of a walking distance, a set distance, and a time threshold;

computing an optimal arrival time from the activity start time, the activity location, and the first airport;

identifying, at the host computer, a first departing flight associated with the ~~the~~ first airport, the identified departing flight associated with a flight arrival time and the first departing flight being between the origin location and the first airport;

wherein the flight arrival time of the first identified operating flight is prior to the ~~activity start~~ optimal arrival time;

identifying, at the host computer, an optimal ground transportation option between the first airport and the activity location; and

~~providing, at the host computer, a best~~ an optimal trip option for transportation from the origin location to the activity location, wherein the ~~best~~ optimal trip option includes the first identified operating flight and the optimal ground transportation option.

2. (Previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying the first airport includes the step of identifying a plurality of airports and wherein the step of identifying the first departing flight includes the step of identifying a plurality of flights associated with each of the plurality of airports.

3. (Previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 2, wherein each of the identified plurality of flights is associated with a characteristic data item, the method further comprising the steps of:

comparing, at the host computer, the characteristic data item for each of the identified plurality of flights with a flight preference; and

ranking, at the host computer, each of the identified plurality of flights according to the flight preference.

4. (Previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 3, wherein the step of comparing the characteristic data item includes the step of comparing the flight price for each of the identified plurality of flights with a flight price maximum; and wherein the step of ranking each of the identified plurality of flights includes the step of ranking each of the identified plurality of flights according to the comparison of the flight price to the flight price maximum.

5. (Previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying the first departing flight includes the steps of:

calculating a travel time between the first airport associated with the first departing flight and the activity location; and

determining an activity location arrival time, the activity location arrival time indicating a summation of the flight arrival time and the calculated travel time;

wherein the determined activity location arrival time is prior to or equivalent to the activity start time.

6. (Previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying the first departing flight includes the steps of:

calculating a travel time between the first airport associated with the first departing flight and the activity location; and

determining an earliest flight arrival time, the earliest flight arrival time representing the result of subtracting the calculated ground travel time from the activity start time;

wherein the arrival time of the first flight is prior to or simultaneous with the determined earliest flight arrival time.

7. (Previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving, at the host computer, an activity stop time indicator, the activity stop time indicator indicating a stop time for the activity; and

identifying, at the host computer, a first returning flight, the first returning flight associated with a flight departure time and being between the first airport and the origin location;

wherein the flight departure time of the identified first returning flight is subsequent to the stop time for the activity.

8. (Previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 7, further comprising the steps of:

determining, at the host computer, if the flight arrival time of the identified first departing flight is on a first day and if the flight departure time of the identified first returning flight is on a second day;

responsive to determining that the flight arrival time of the identified first departing flight is on the first day and that the flight departure time of the identified first returning flight is on the second day, identifying, at the host computer, a plurality of lodging locations within a lodging threshold distance of at least one of the first airport and the activity location.

9. (Previously amended): The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of: reserving one of the identified plurality of lodging locations.

10. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of receiving an activity indicator includes the step of receiving an address for the activity location.

11. (Previously amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the step of identifying the first airport includes the step of identifying the first airport, the first airport being within a temporal threshold measurement of the activity location.

12. (Currently amended): A computer system for managing transportation based upon a transportation indicator that includes a location and an arrival activity start time, the computer system comprising:

a processor;

a storage device connected to the processor, the storage device for storing instructions executable by the processor;

a plurality of instructions stored on the storage device, the plurality of instructions configured to cause the processor to:

identify a first transportation destination, the first transportation destination being within a first threshold measurement of the location, wherein the first threshold measurement comprises at least one of a walking distance, a set distance, and a time threshold; and

compute an optimal arrival time from the activity start time, the location, and the first transportation destination;

identify a first departing option associated with the first transportation destination, the identified first departing option associated with an option arrival time and the first departing option including transportation between a transportation origin and the first transportation destination;

wherein the option arrival time of the first identified departing option is prior to the activity start optimal arrival time;

identify an optimal ground transportation option between the first transportation destination and the location; and

provide a best an optimal trip option for transportation to the location, wherein the best optimal trip option includes the first identified departing option and the optimal ground transportation option.

13. (Original): The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

identify a plurality of transportation origins; and

identify a plurality of transportation options associated with each of the plurality of transportation origins.

14. (Original): The computer system of claim 13, wherein each of the identified plurality of transportation options is associated with a characteristic data item and wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

compare the characteristic data item for each of the identified plurality of options with an option preference; and

identify each of the identified plurality of options that corresponds with the option preference.

15. (Original): The computer system of claim 14, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

compare a transportation option price for each of the identified plurality of transportation options with an option price maximum; and

identify each of the identified plurality of transportation options that have a flight price below or equivalent to the option price maximum.

16. (Previously amended): The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

calculate a travel time between the first transportation destination associated with the first departing option and the location; and

determine a location arrival time, the location arrival time indicating a summation of the transportation option arrival time and the calculated travel time.

17. (Previously amended): The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

calculate a travel time between the first transportation destination associated with the first departing option and the location; and

determine an earliest option arrival time, the earliest option arrival time representing the result of subtracting the calculated travel time from the activity start time.

18. (Currently amended): The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

identify a first returning option, the first returning option associated with a option departure time and being between the first transportation destination and the transportation origin;

wherein the option departure time of the identified first returning option is subsequent to a stop time for the activity; and

wherein the best optimal trip option further includes the first returning option.

19. (Previously amended): The computer system of claim 18, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

determine if the option arrival time of the identified first departing option is on a first day and if the option departure time of the identified first returning option is on a second day;

responsive to determining that the option arrival time of the identified first departing option is on the first day and that the option departure time of the identified first returning option is on the second day, identify a plurality of lodging locations within a lodging threshold distance of the location.

20. (Currently amended): The computer system of claim 19, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

reserve one of the identified plurality of lodging locations.

21. (Original): The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

receive an address for the location.

22. (Previously amended): The computer system of claim 12, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

rank the first transportation origin according to its temporal distance from the location.

23. (Original): The computer system of claim 12, further comprising:
a network connected to the processor;

a remote device connected to the network, the remote device for providing the transportation indicator to the processor.

24. (Original): The computer system of claim 23, wherein the remote device is a wireless device.

25. (Original): The computer system of claim 12, wherein the transportation destination is one of an airport, a bus station, a train station, and a shipping journal.

26. (Original): The computer system of claim 12, wherein the transportation option is an airline option.

27. (Currently amended): A computer system for planning transportation, the computer system comprising:

a processor for executing instructions;

a first storage device for storing an activity indicator, the activity indicator indicating an activity time and an activity location;

a second storage device connected to the processor, the storage device for storing instructions that are executable by the processor; and

a plurality of instructions stored on the second storage device, the plurality of instructions for causing the processor to:

compute an optimal departure time from the activity time and the activity location;

identify a plurality of transportation options wherein each of the plurality of transportation options arrives at the activity location prior to the activity time and each of the plurality of transportation options depart prior to the optimal departure time;

provide a best an optimal trip option for transportation to the activity location, wherein the best optimal trip option includes a first of the plurality of transportation options; and

reserve the first of the plurality of transportation options.

28. (Original): The computer system of claim 27, wherein the activity location is a cargo destination and the activity indicator is a cargo arrival time.

29. (Original): The computer system of claim 27, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

apply a transportation rule to the plurality of transportation options, thereby identifying the first of the plurality of transportation options.

30. (Original): The computer system of claim 27, further comprising:
a network connected to the processor; and
a remote device connected to the network, the remote device for providing the activity indicator to the processor.

31. (Original): The computer system of claim 27, wherein the plurality of instructions are for causing the processor to:

automatically identify a plurality of transportation options wherein each of the plurality of transportation options arrives at the activity location prior to the activity start time.

32. (Currently amended): A computer implemented method for receiving an electronic signal from a first electronic device at a second electronic device, the electronic signal capable of activating the second electronic device, wherein the second electronic device is responsive to the electronic signal to thereby perform steps for managing transportation from an origin location, the steps comprising:

receiving, at the second electronic device, an activity indicator including an activity location and an activity start time;

identifying, at the second electronic device, a first airport, the first airport being within a first threshold measurement of the activity location, wherein the first threshold measurement comprises at least one of walking distance, a set distance, and a time threshold; and

computing an optimal arrival time from the activity start time, the activity location, and the first airport;

identifying, at the second electronic device, a first departing flight associated with the first airport, the identified first departing flight associated with a flight arrival time and being between the origin location and the first airport;

wherein the flight arrival time of the first identified flight is prior to the activity start optimal arrival time;

identifying, at the second electronic device, an optimal ground transportation option between the first airport and the activity location; and

providing, at the second electronic device, a best an optimal trip option for transportation from the origin location to the activity location, wherein the best optimal trip option includes the first identified departing flight and the optimal ground transportation option.

33. (Previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 32, wherein the second electronic device is responsive to the electronic signal to thereby perform steps comprising:

calculating, at the second electronic device, a travel time between the first airport associated with the first departing flight and the activity location; and

determining, at the second electronic device, an activity location arrival time, the activity location arrival time indicating a summation of the flight arrival time and the calculated travel time;

wherein the determined activity location arrival time is prior to or equivalent to the activity start time.

34. (Previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 32, wherein the second electronic device is responsive to the electronic signal to thereby perform steps comprising:

calculating, at the second electronic device, a travel time between the first airport associated with the first departing flight and the activity location; and

determining, at the second electronic device, an earliest flight arrival time, the earliest flight arrival time representing the result of subtracting the calculated ground travel time from the activity start time;

wherein the arrival time of the at least the first flight is prior to or simultaneous with the determined earliest flight arrival time.

35. (Currently amended): A computer implemented method for planning transportation from a transportation origin, the computer implemented method comprising the steps of:

receiving, from a client computer, an activity indicator;

developing, at a host computer, a proposed transportation plan corresponding to the received activity indicator, wherein the proposed transportation plan includes computing an optimal arrival time from the activity indicator and the transportation origin;

transmitting to the client computer an indication of the proposed transportation plan;

receiving, from the client computer, an indication of approval of the proposed transportation plan; and

responsive to receiving the indication of approval, arranging transportation according to the transportation plan.

36. (Previously amended): The computer implemented method of claim 35, wherein the step of receiving an activity indicator includes the step of receiving a scheduled activity from a personal information manager.

37. (Previously added): The computer implemented method of claim 35, wherein the activity indicator includes a plurality of transportation parameters and wherein the step of developing a proposed transportation plan includes developing, at the host computer, a proposed transportation plan corresponding to the received plurality of transportation parameters.